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TO APPROVE THE COMMEMORATIVE PARTNER PROGRAM WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES THAT WILL RECOGNIZE, THANK AND HONOR OUR VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

WHEREAS, the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the United States Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam War and provided “the Secretary shall coordinate, support and facilitate other programs and activities of the federal government, state and local governments. And other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War”; and

WHEREAS, the Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans’ organizations and other nongovernmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Commemorative Partners are encouraged to participate in the commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events and activities that will recognize the service, valor and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, Commemorative Partners will endeavor to plan and carry out at least two events each year during the commemorative period of 2014-2017 hat will recognize thank and honor our Vietnam veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is important for these evens to meet at least the first of the five congressionally mandated objectives of the United States of American Vietnam War Commemoration:

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the armed forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental and nongovernmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the armed forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home fron by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

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4. To highlight the advances in technology, science and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that we, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County, do hereby support the efforts for Arizona to become one of the first states to be recognized as a Commemorative Partner in the commemoration of the Vietnam War and support the efforts of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services to plan and carry out at least two events each year during the commemorative period of 2014-2017 that will recognize, thank and honor our nations Vietnam veterans and their families.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Cochise County, Arizona, this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Ann English, Chairman
Cochise County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Clerk of the Board

Adam Ambrose
Civil Deputy County Attorney